

OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 25th AUGUST 2024 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL It is good to be back with you all again following my holiday at home in Ireland with my family. My thanks to Fr Humphrey for looking after the parish in my absence and to all who supported the work of the parish through their various ministries.

One of the long-standing groups in the parish is the Friendship Group who meet monthly on a Sunday afternoon in the St Christopher Centre to support those with additional needs. I am looking forward to joining the group on a canal boat trip from Marple on Friday.

Hoping you all have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 25th August – Sunday 1st September 2024

Sunday	21 st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Saturday)	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Teresa Palmer RIP People of the Parish Sylvia Donovan RIP
Monday	Ferial	10.00am	Tony McKenna RIP
Tuesday	St Monica Requiem Mass	1.00pm 7.30pm	Michael Frederick Mansfield RIP Holy Souls
Wednesday	St Augustine, B, D	9.30am	Jean Grieves RIP
Thursday	The Passion of St John the Baptist	9.30am	Lomax Family Ints.
Friday	Ss Margaret Clitherow, Margart Ward, V & Anne Line, Mm	12.00pm	In Thanksgiving
Saturday	St Aidan, B & the Saints of Lindisfarne Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Jean Kilrayne RIP Graham Seymour RIP
Sunday	22 nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	Sam Minnis RIP People of the Parish

PARISH LIVE STREAM Please go to www.churchservices.tv/romiley

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Christine Beswick, Kieran O'Brien, Lionel & Jenny Rawlings, Jaar Jones, Michael Christie, Mandy Keane, Joyce Osbourne, Michael O'Sullivan, Katelyn Reilly, Amy Harris, Elizabeth Brown, Bridget Robertson, Valerie, Gahan, Marina Hernandez, Eamon Curran, Howard Moore,, Sheila Murphy, Michael Sainsbury, Moira McNeill, John Bardsley, Isaac Saed Iqbal, Simon Wright, Margaret Colicroot, Rory Ireland, Helen Bridge, Patricia Godfrey, Karl Wood, Kevin Bradley, Mary Sainsbury, Rita Stevens, Margaret Maycock, Sr Margaret Mary Foley, Carol Seymour, Peter Taylor, James Smart, Nathalie Whitehead, Florrie Robison, Margaret Wooliscroft, Joan Marshall, Glenis Keenan. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES David Singleton, Gladys Gregory, Ann Newtin, Ron Barlow, Lt Arthur Booth, Bridie O'Neill, Anne Oats, Richard Cunningham, Richard Furness, Francis Ready, Pauline Stewart, Carmel Timblin, Cecilia Stafford, Jams Byrom.

PLEASE NOTE that Mass tomorrow, Bank Holiday Monday, is at 10.00am

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Arabella Lucia Arnone who was baptised recently.

SUNDAY READINGS for the 21st Sunday B: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69. **Mass Preface:** Sunday 2, page 54; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 27.

EVERGREEN GROUP WEDNESDAYS 1.30PM – 3.30PM

4th September	Cake and Chat
11th September	NO MEETING
18 th September	Sitting Down Exercises
25 th September	Hyacinths for Christmas planting
2nd October	Board games/bowls
9th October	Ditloids/Fun Quiz

CHRISTMAS FAIR This year the Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 30th November in the St Christopher Centre. There will be a meeting to discuss plans for the fair on Saturday 14th September at 10.00am in the Centre. Everyone is welcome, please attend if you wish to be a part of helping with the fair.

SUNDAY 9.00AM MASS READERS' ROTA I'm about to prepare the readers' rota for the period October to March. Newcomers are always welcome and training is available, if required. Please let me know by 1st September if your contact details have changed, or if you wish to be removed or added to the list of readers, many thanks for all your support, Anne Granby 0161 494 2711.

CARITAS CHILDREN'S BOXES ANNUAL COLLECTION September will see the start of our annual collection. If you are able to bring your box/monies to church, there will be the usual box on the table at the back of church. Otherwise, your collector will contact you. **AND** there will be a spare labelled box for anyone who does not have a box but would like to make a contribution.....that would boost our contribution now that we are collecting only once per year. Many thanks. Christine.

HOLD THE DATE There will be a Macmillan Coffee and Cake event in the Parish Centre on Friday 27th September. More details to follow.

THE WELLSRING SLEEPOUT, SATURDAY 12th OCTOBER The Sleepout offers an opportunity for us to consider some small elements of how difficult it is to be homeless and sleep on the streets. Further details including registration (essential) at www.thewellspring.co.uk

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £626.00, CAFOD £44.90. Thank you for your generosity.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS FOR LAST 2 WEEKS Thank you for the nine green crates of groceries, three full carrier bags of tinned groceries and plastic bottles of fruit juice. Thanks also for donations amounting to £400 (£120, £120, £30, £30, £20, £20, £20, £20, £10, £10).

Your generosity is much appreciated. The church is open on Sunday & Monday from 2.00pm – 4.00pm for donations. Cash donations marked “Food Bank” may be posted through the presbytery letterbox.

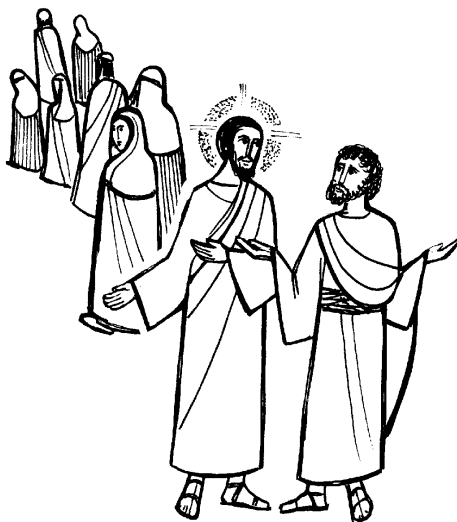
PAUSE FOR HOPE This is an ecumenical service for all those suffering from cancer, those caring for family or friends with cancer, and those affected in any way by cancer. This year the service takes place on Sunday 15th September at 3.00pm in Saint Columba’s Church, Plas Newton Lane, Plas Newton, Chester, CH2 1PL. It is an opportunity to come together to pray and to support one other.

STAMPS FOR THE RNIB There is a box in the church porch for used stamps for the RNIB.

COME TO FOOTSTEPS ON 5 SEPTEMBER! The next event in the popular programme of inspiring talks will be on **Thursday 5 September at 7.30pm in the parish centre at St Peter’s, 16 Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA** when we’ll have another new face - and voice at Footsteps. It will be such a pleasure to welcome **The Right Reverend Sam Corley, Bishop of Stockport.**

Bishop Sam, a very genial and enthusiastic person, has entitled his talk, “**Purple highlights**” and his subtitle is “**On the road with the Bishop of Stockport.**” This means we're in for a real treat, because he is going to be sharing insights into his life of ministry, particularly since his ordination as bishop in 2021. He will also be happy to respond to questions and comments from the audience. His relaxed, open style and humour are tailor-made for Footsteps audiences, so we hope to welcome you and your friends to this special evening. The kettle will be on, nibbles all ready for you and remember, the loop system, large free car park and good disabled access are also all included!

MARRIAGE CARE If you are going through difficulties in your relationship, Stockport Marriage Care can offer a confidential counselling service. You can contact them on 0800 3893801 or search www.marriagecare.org.uk



THE ST CHRISTOPHER CENTRE Booking enquiries please to Ruth Craven: Tel 07423 682266 or email ruthcraven@hotmail.co.uk

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